Link between India and Vietnam, passing through other countries including Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar;

if so, the details of the outcome of the discussions;

the details of any other proposal to set up an international railway line;

if no, such proposal exists, whether Government would consider setting up such a railway link; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The 3rd Ministrial meeting of the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation(MGC) initiative held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on June, 20, 2003 discussed the possibility of a rail link from Delhi to Hanoi. The member countries of MGC are India, Myanmar, Thailand, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Vietnam.

It was agreed to study the feasibility of the rail link and to identify missing links. As a first step, a feasibility study has been conducted for an India-Myanmar rail link.

The United nations Economic Commission for Asia and Far East (ECAFE) initiated a Trans-Asian Railway project for providing a continuous rail link between Singapore and Turkey, *via* Southeast Asia, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Islamic Republic of Iran in 1960. Work on this project has subsequently been undertaken by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) which replaced ECAFE in 1974.

Not applicable.

Does not arise.

Peace proposals with Pakistan

2764. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently put forward any peace proposals, while he was in Amritsar, to the President of Pakistan;

if so, the details thereof; and

whether the Prime Minister to visit Pakistan in the near future with the reported proposals to discuss Siachen, Sir Creek and Baglihar, the issues, which he thinks can be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) During a speech by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on the launch of Amritsar-Nankana Sahib Bus Service in Amritsar on 24 March, 2006, Prime Minister, *inter alia,* said that "the peace making process must ultimately culminate in our two countries entering into a Treaty of Peace, Security and Friendship to give meaning and substance to our quest for shared goals. I make this offer to the people of Pakistan on this historic occasion. I am sure the leadership of Pakistan will reciprocate."

(c) During the meeting between Prime Minister and President Musharraf on 14 September, 2005 in New York, President Musharraf invited Prime Minister to visit Pakistan. Prime Minister accepted the invitation of President Musharraf. No dates have been fixed for the visit of the Prime Minister to Pakistan.

Respect to Indian tricolour in Pakistan

2765. SHRIMATIHEMAMALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether Government are aware that during ODI game of Peshawar the Pakistan Government have failed to show the respect towards Indian Tricolour by printing Indian flag on tickets upside down;

whether Government are also aware that the Indian Tricolour was being flown upside down at the hotel where Indian team was staying; if so, whether Government have taken action in the matter; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes. The Indian flag had been incorrectly shown on the tickets for the One Day International cricket match between India and Pakistan held at Peshawar in February, 2006.

(b) and (c) Yes. It was reported in the Pakistani media that the Indian flag was incorrectly displayed in the hotel where the Indian team was